

# Sketching Data With T-Digest

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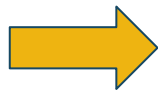
# We All Sketch Data

3.4

6.0

2.5

⋮




Mean = 3.97

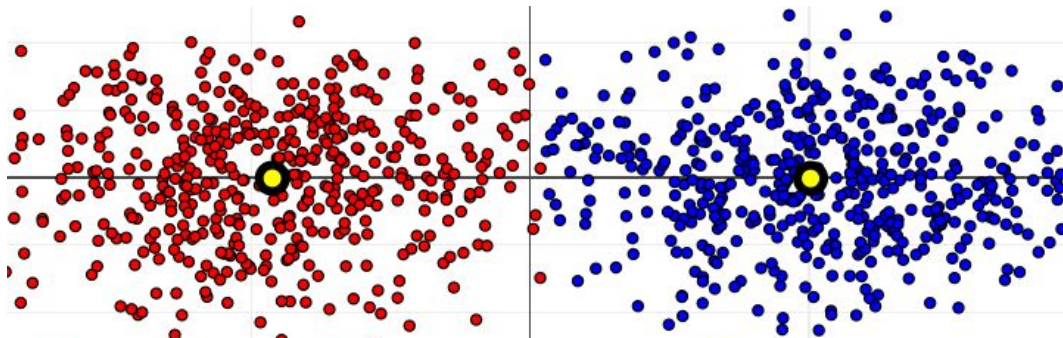
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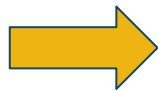
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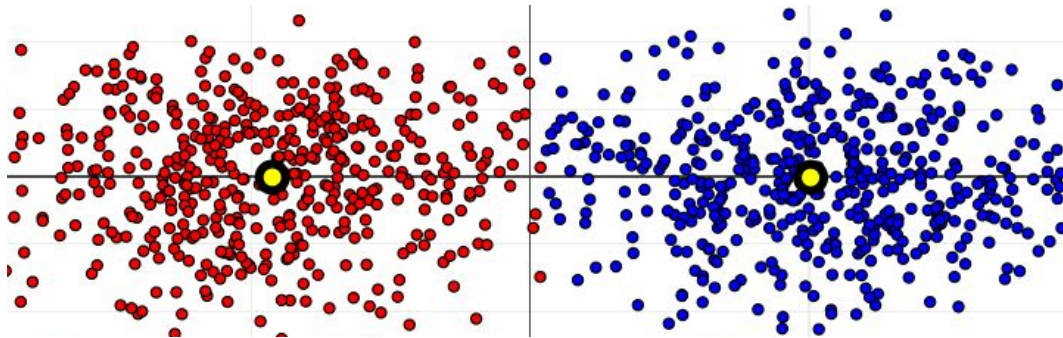
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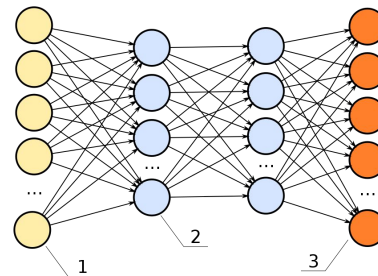


3.4, 5.0, 9.0

6.0, 2.1, 7.7

2.5, 4.4, 3.2

⋮





# T-Digest

*Computing Extremely Accurate Quantiles Using t-Digests*

Ted Dunning & Omar Ertl

Java, Python, R, JS, C++ and Scala

Library for Spark and PySpark

# What is T-Digest Sketching?

3.4

6.0

2.5

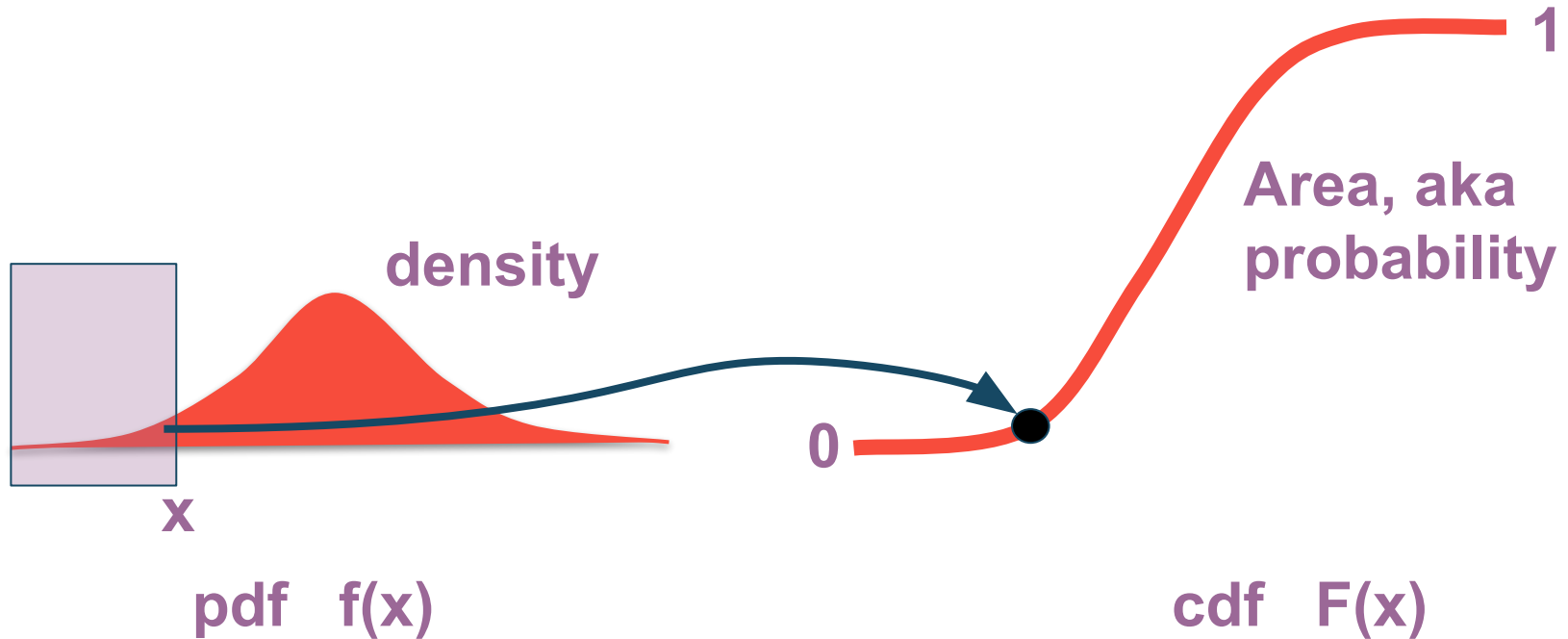
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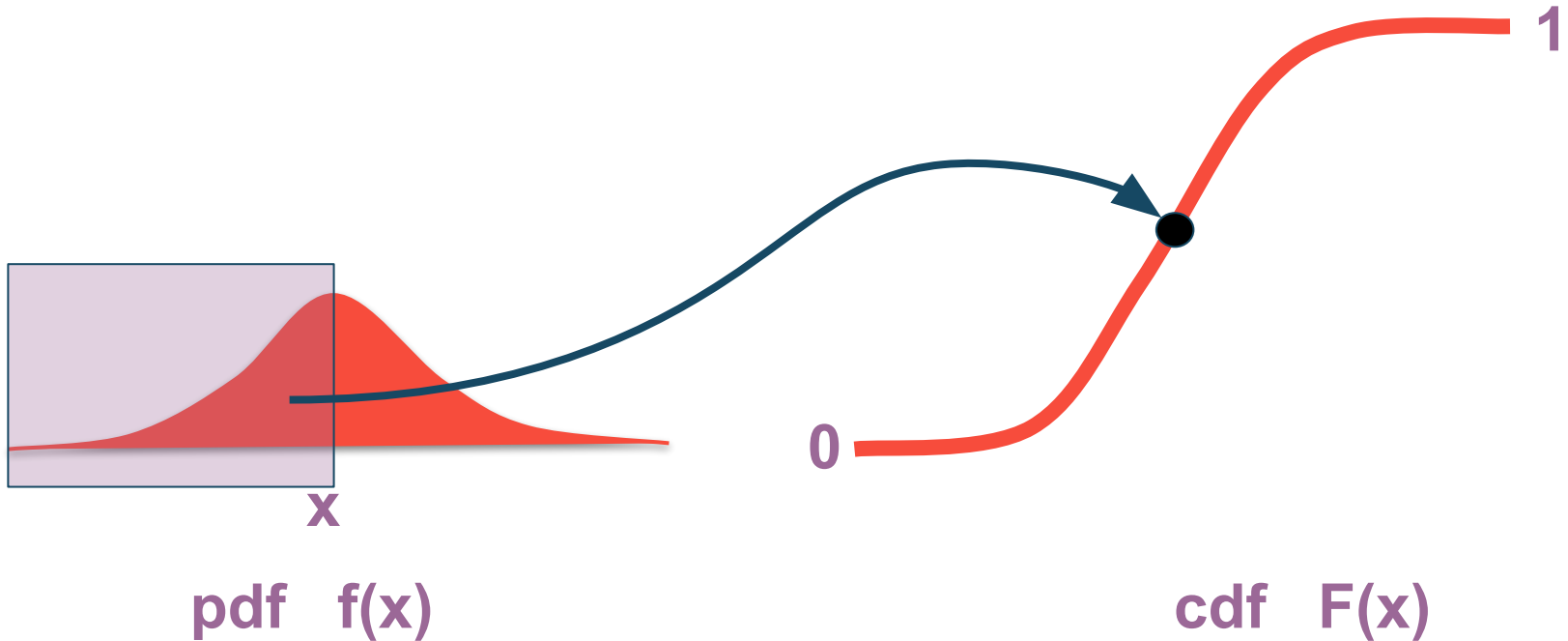
**Estimate of  
CDF**



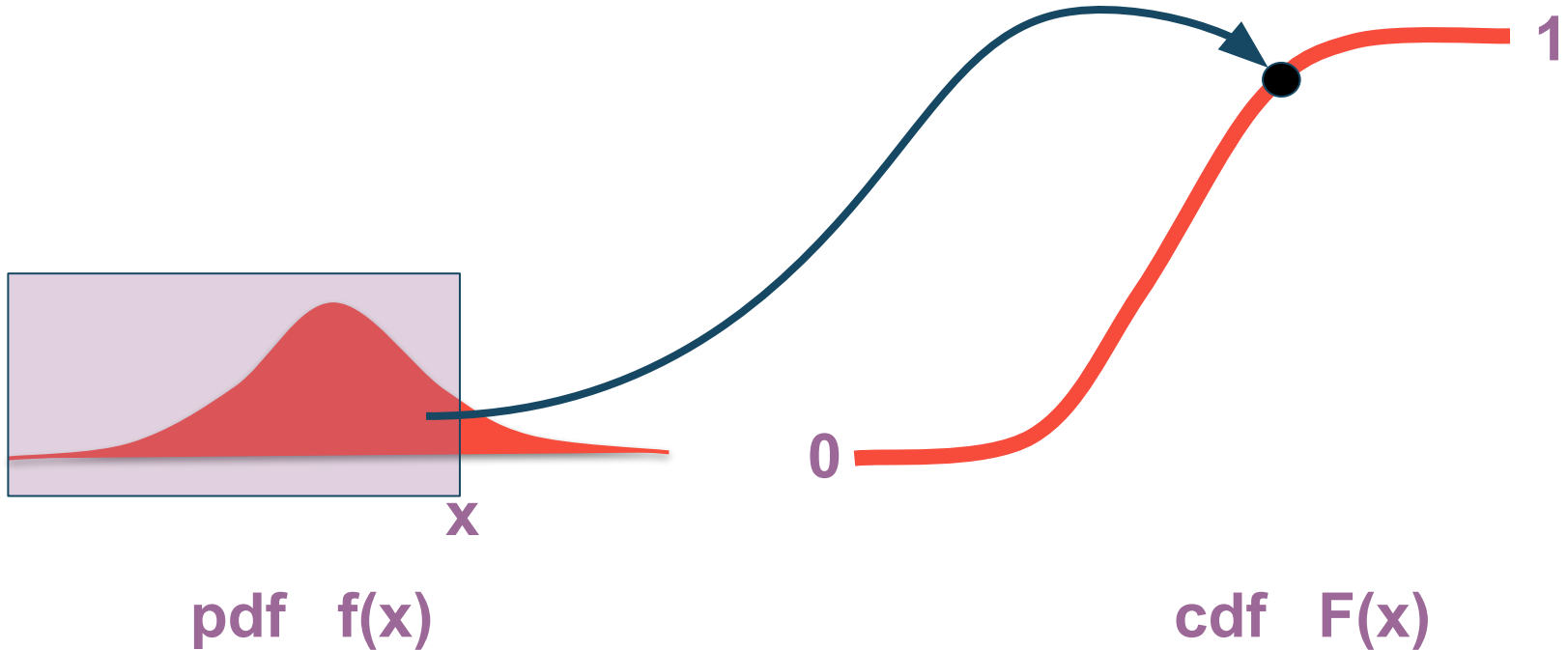
# Cumulative Distribution



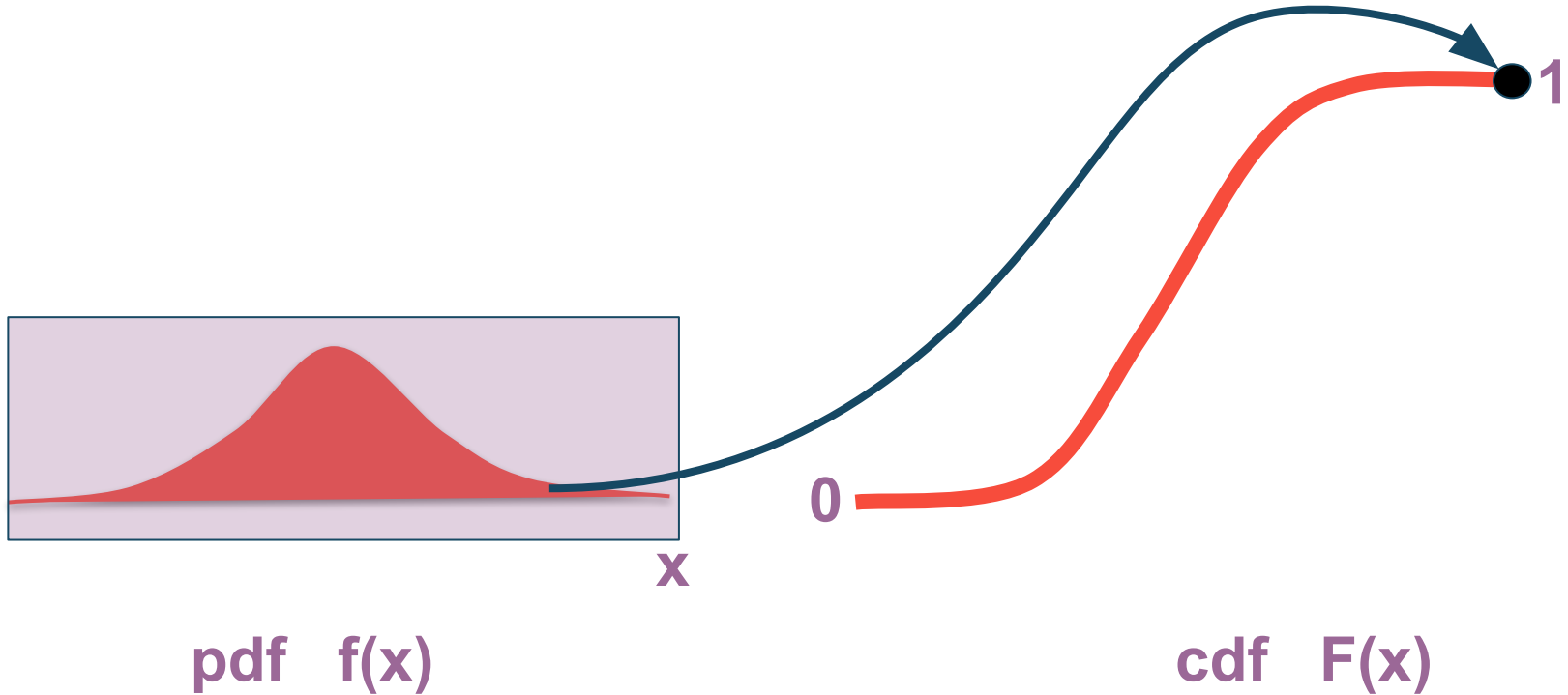
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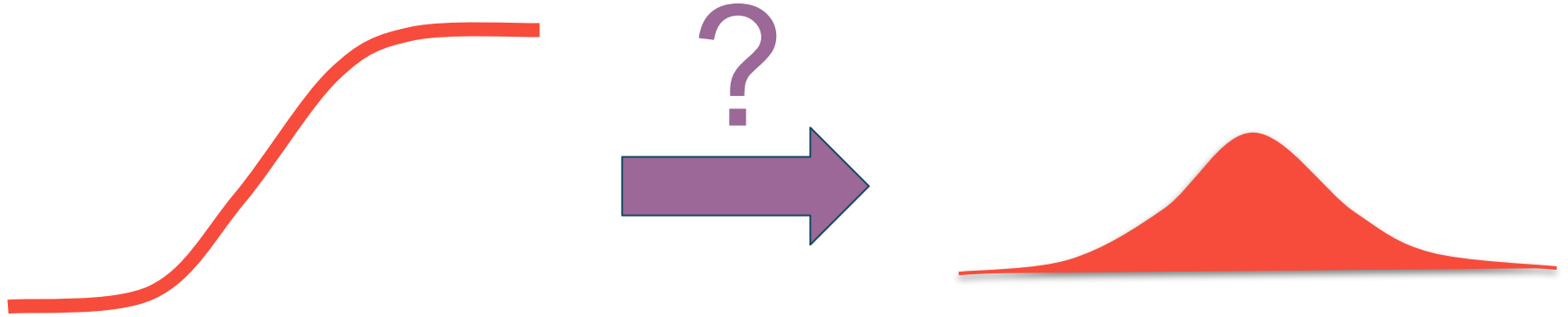
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# But What About The Density?

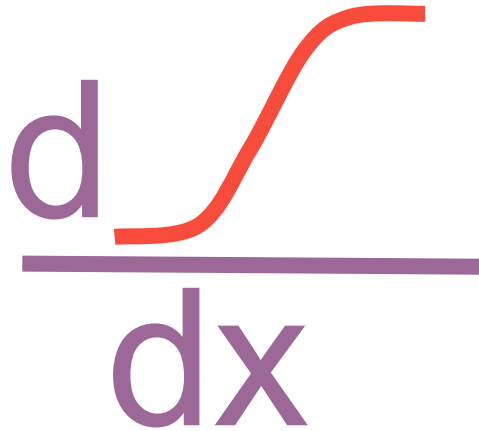


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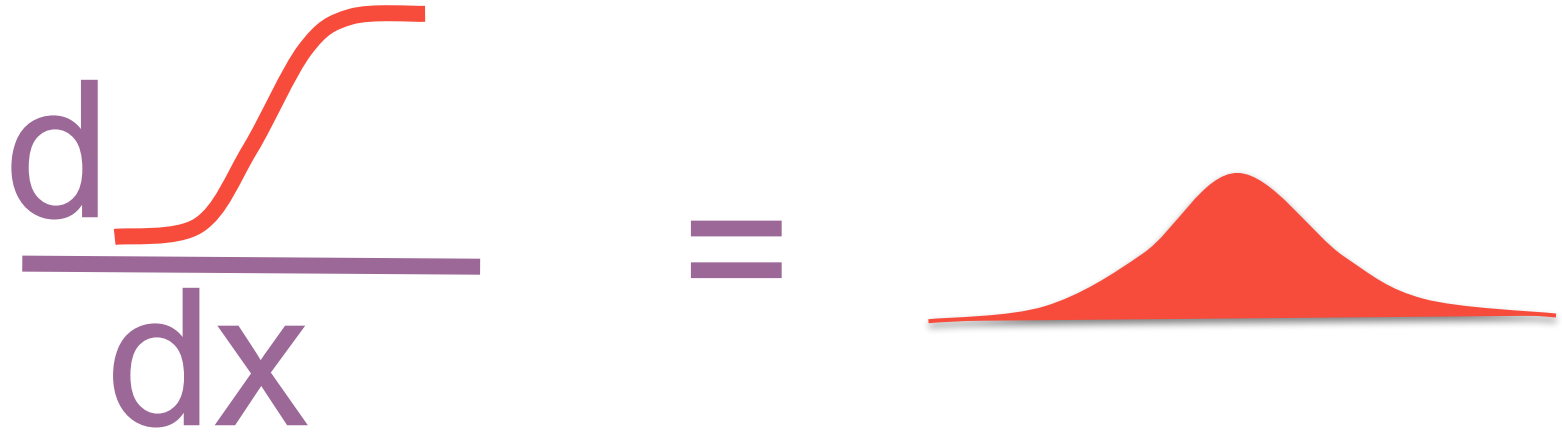




# Cumulative Distribution


$$\frac{d}{dx}$$

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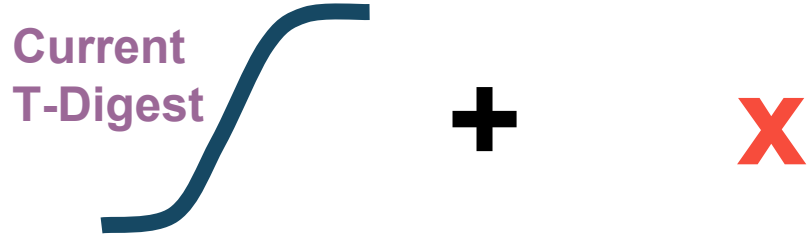
# Incremental Updates

Current  
T-Digest



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T-Digest



The diagram illustrates the formula for incremental updates. It consists of the text "Current T-Digest" in purple, followed by a dark blue S-shaped curve. To the right of the curve is a black plus sign, followed by a large red "X".

$$\text{Current T-Digest} + X$$

# Incremental Updates

Current  
T-Digest



+

X

=



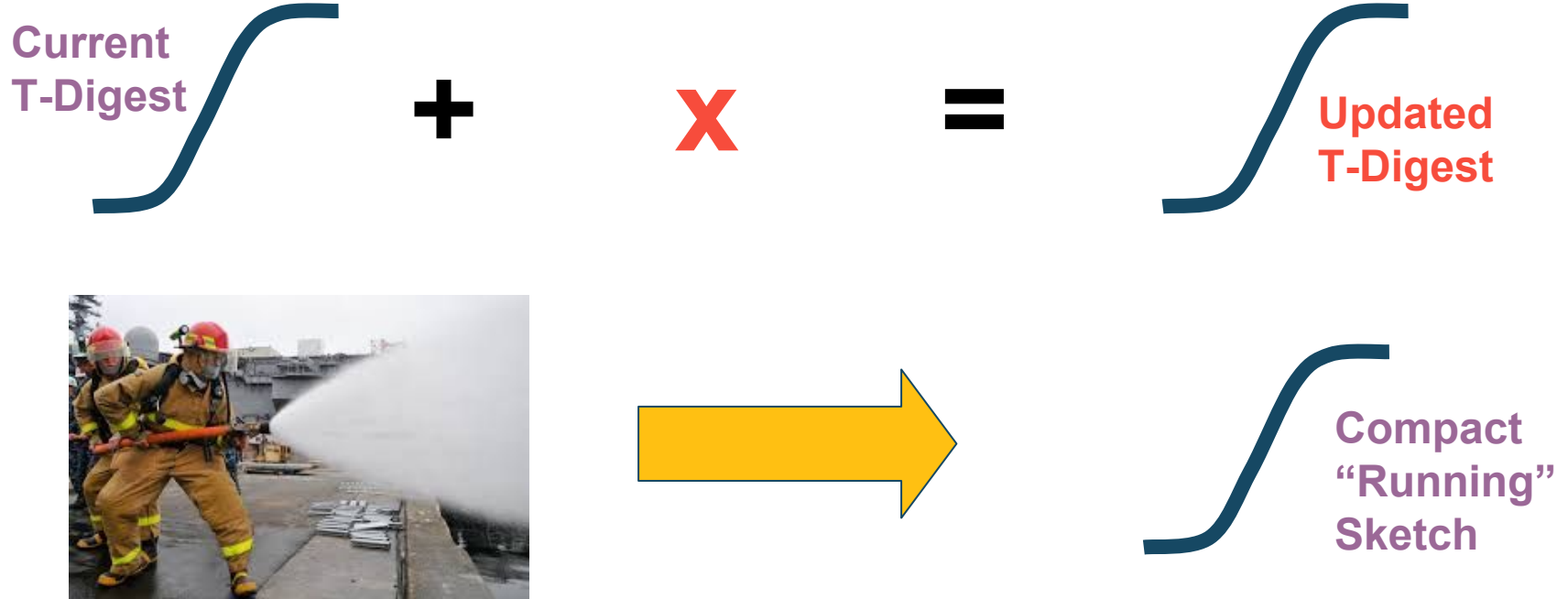
Updated  
T-Digest

# Incremental Updates

$$\text{Current T-Digest} \int + \times = \int \text{Updated T-Digest}$$



# Incremental Updates



# Payoff



**Query  
Latencies**





# Payoff



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Latencies**



**What does my  
latency distribution  
look like?**

# Payoff



**Query  
Latencies**

**Are 90% of my  
latencies under 1  
second?**

**What does my  
latency distribution  
look like?**

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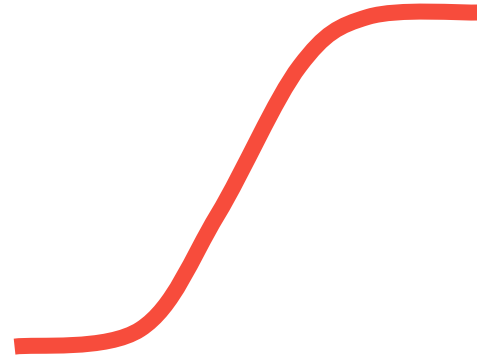
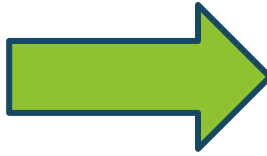
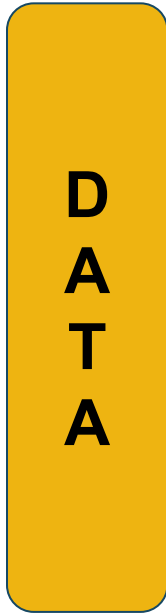
**Query  
Latencies**

**Are 90% of my  
latencies under 1  
second?**

**What does my  
latency distribution  
look like?**

**I want to simulate  
my latencies!**

# Even More Payoff



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**DATA 1**



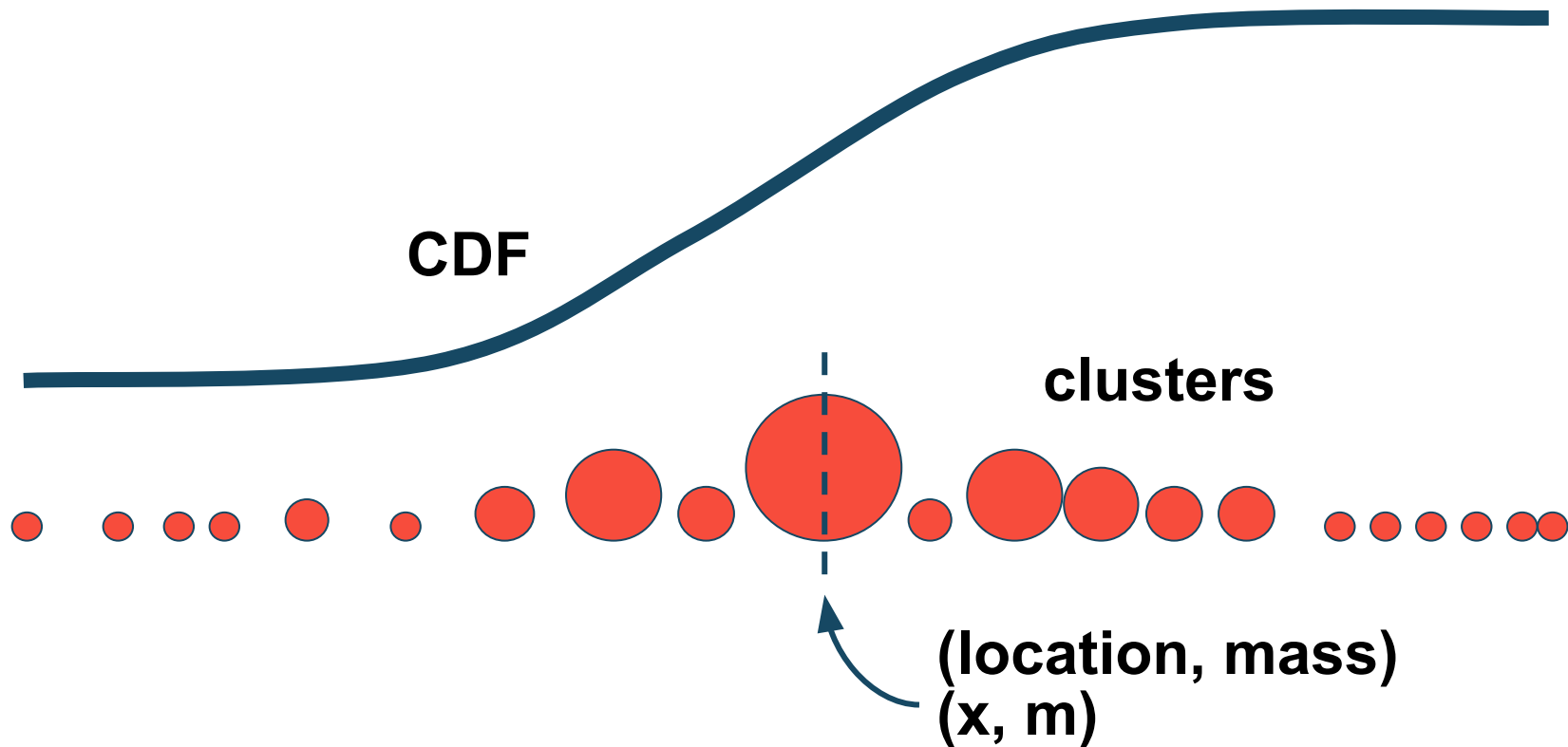
**DATA 2**



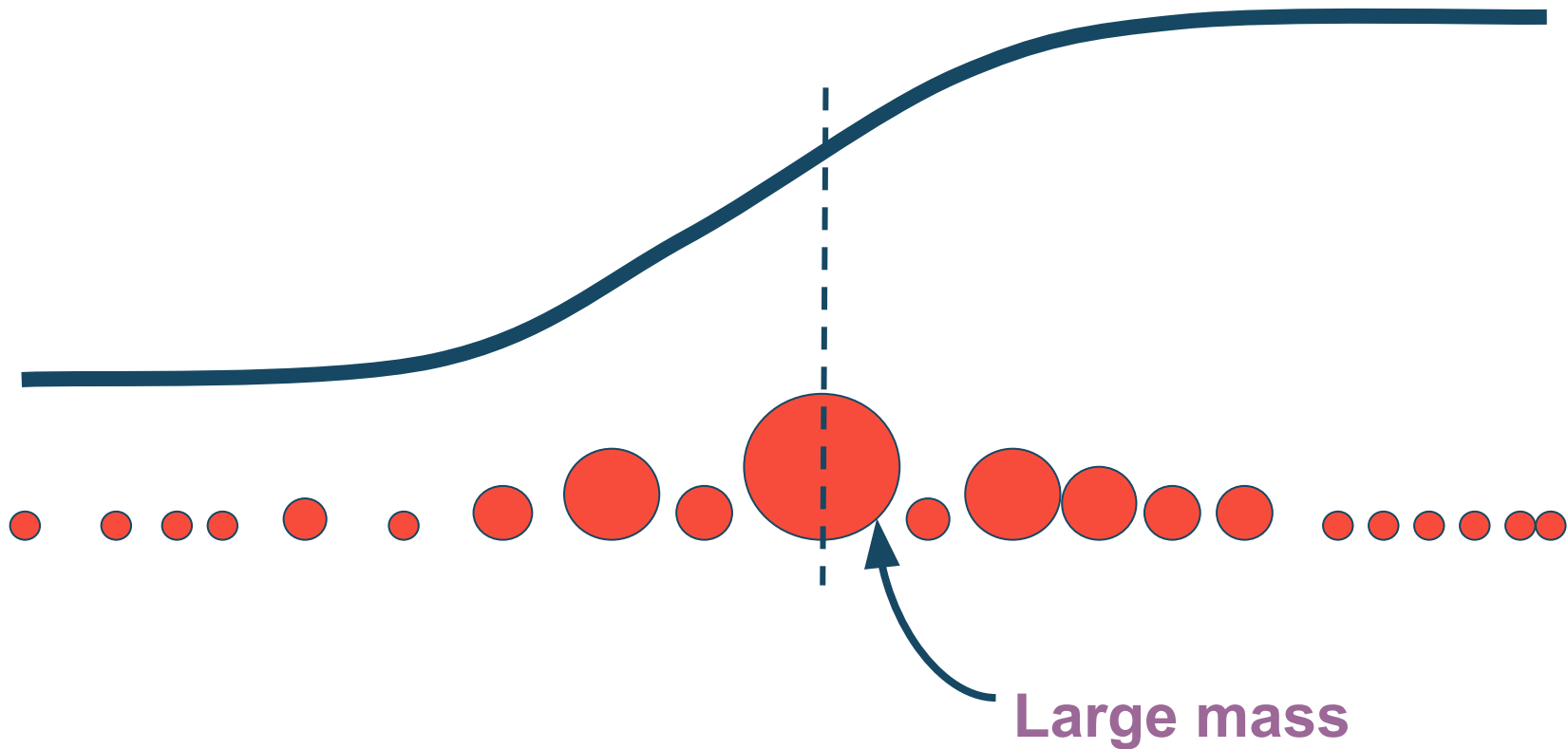
**DATA N**



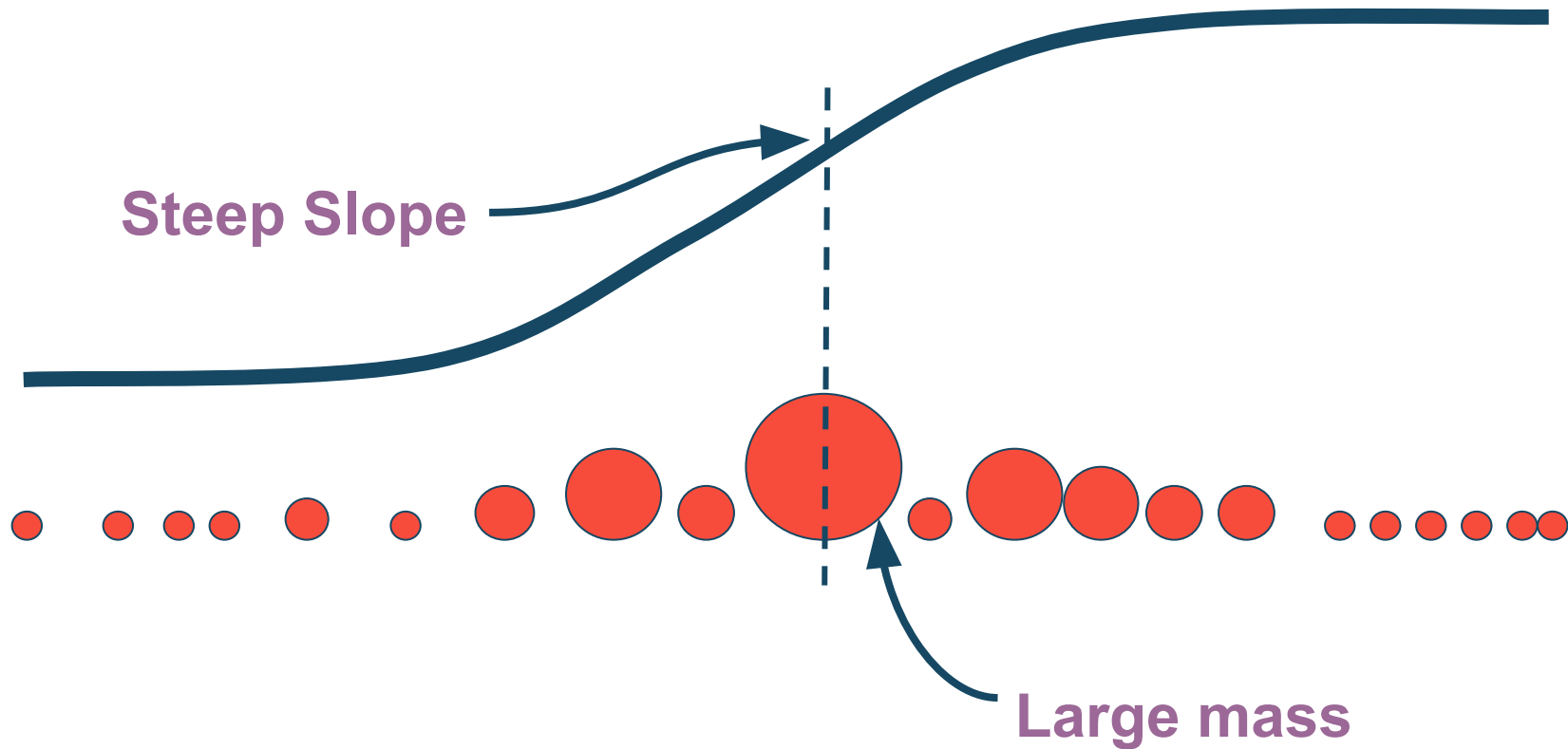
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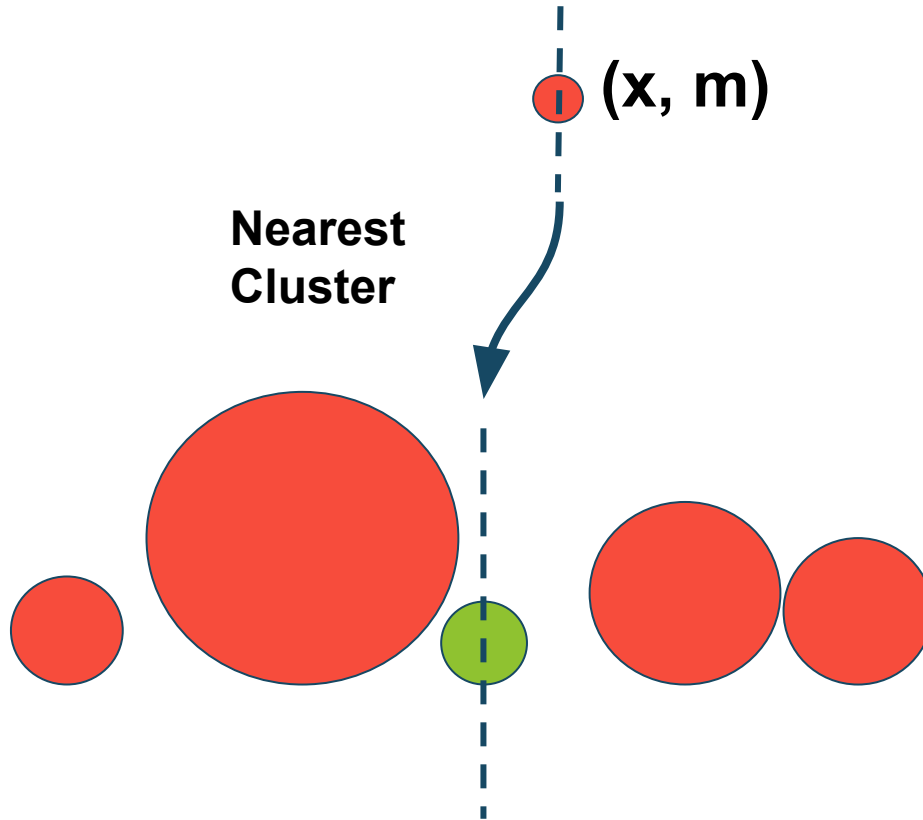


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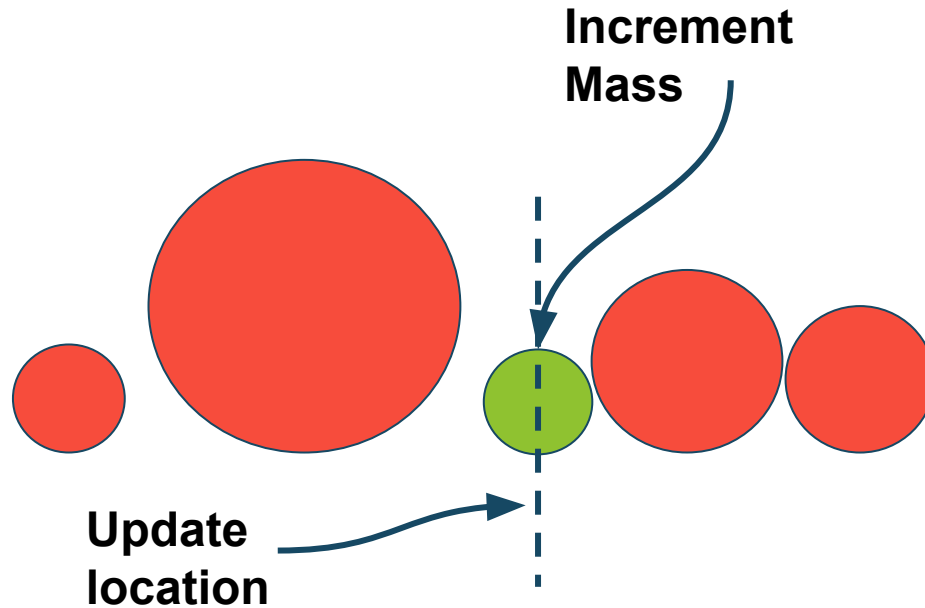




# Update

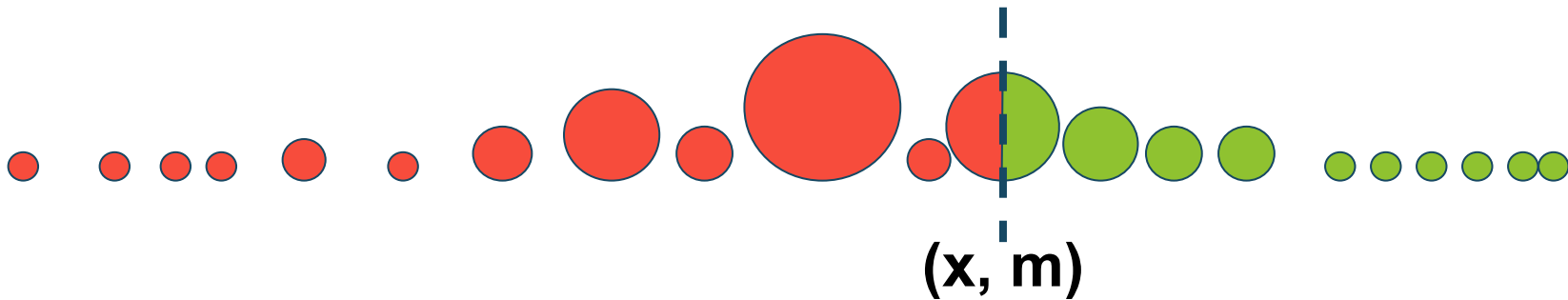


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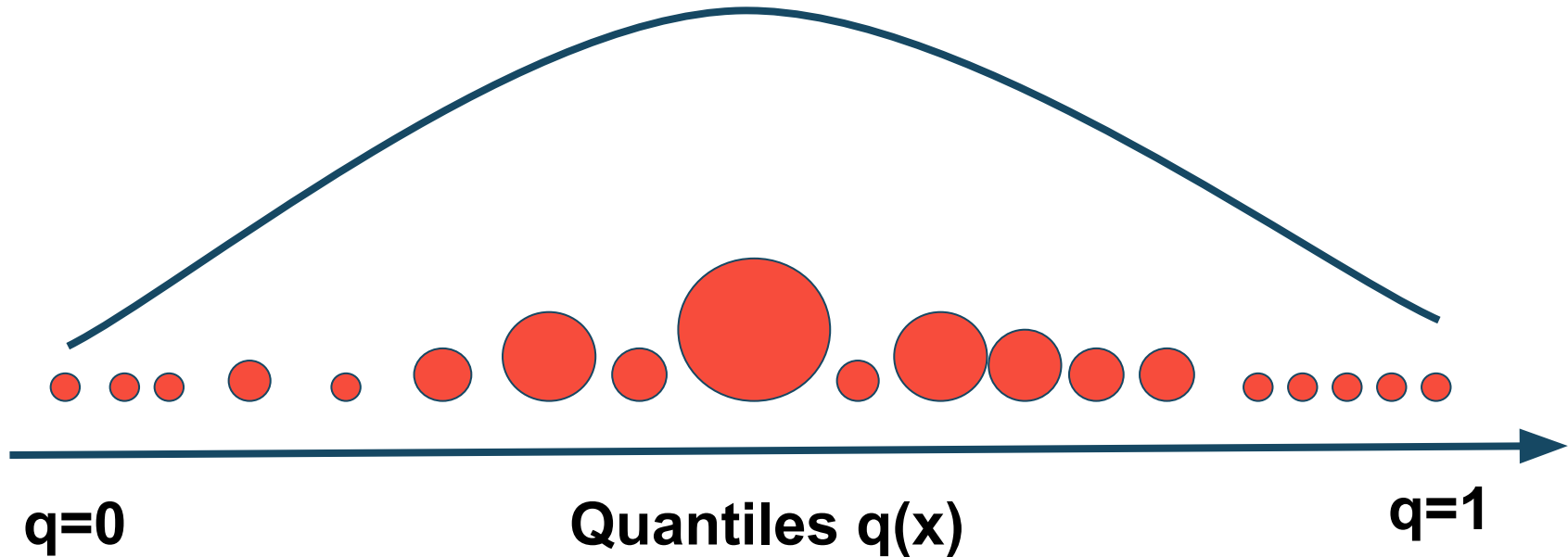
# Cluster Quantile

$$q(x) = \frac{\sum \text{red circles}}{\sum \text{red circles} + \sum \text{green circles}}$$

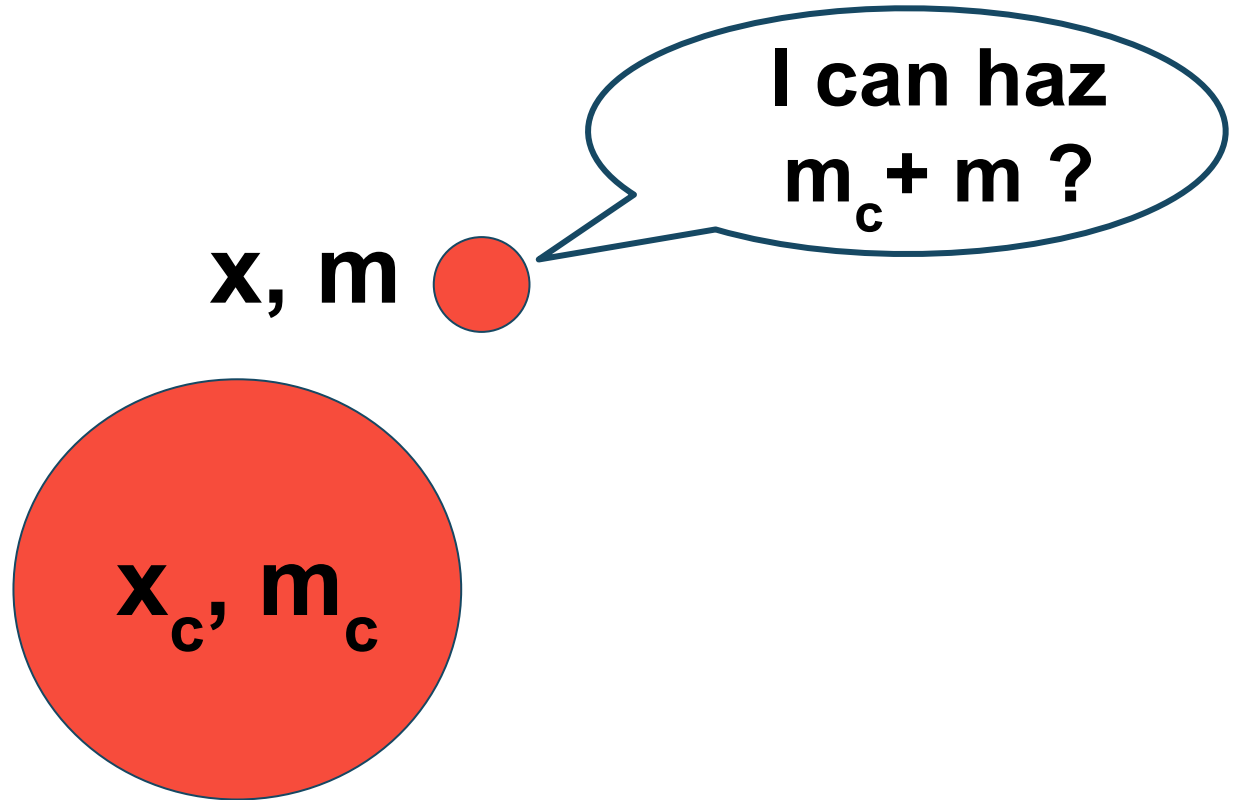


# Cluster Mass Bounds

$$B(x) = C \cdot M \cdot q(x) \cdot (1 - q(x))$$



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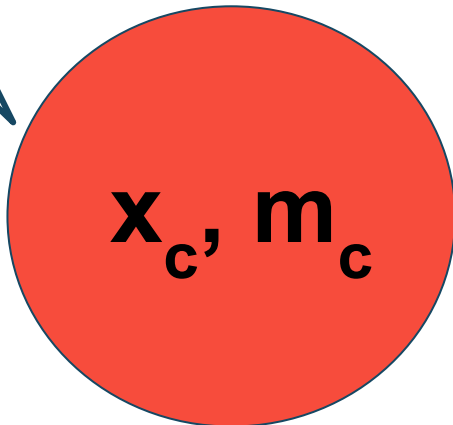
**Sorry!**

$$m_c + m > B(x_c)$$

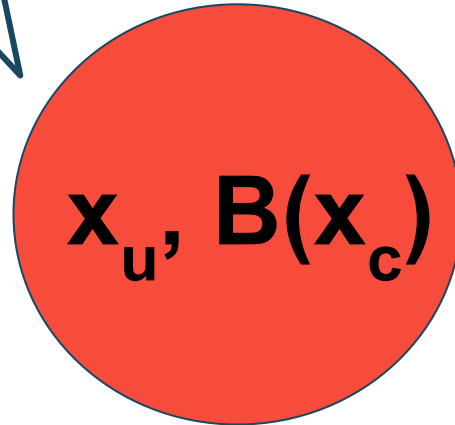
**$x, m$**



**$x_c, m_c$**



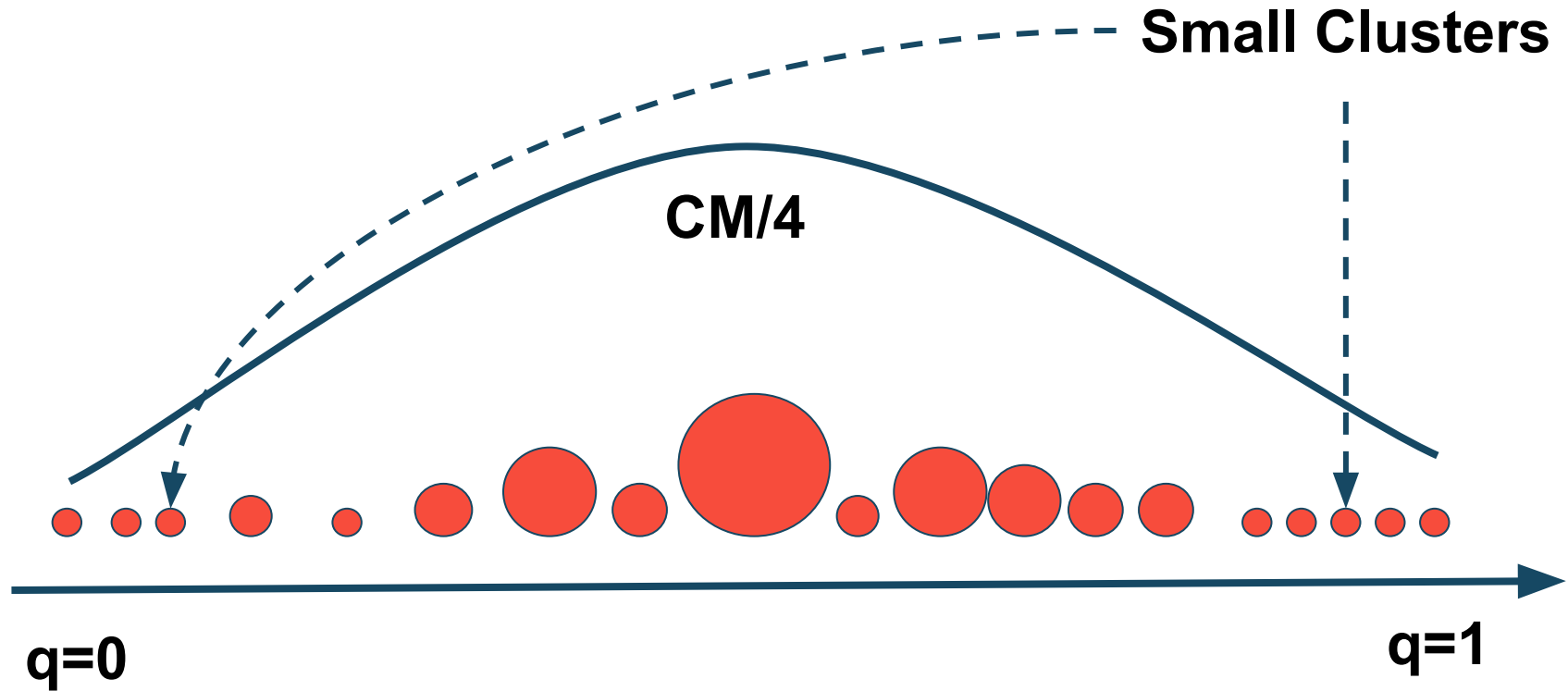
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$x, m_c + m - B(x_c)$

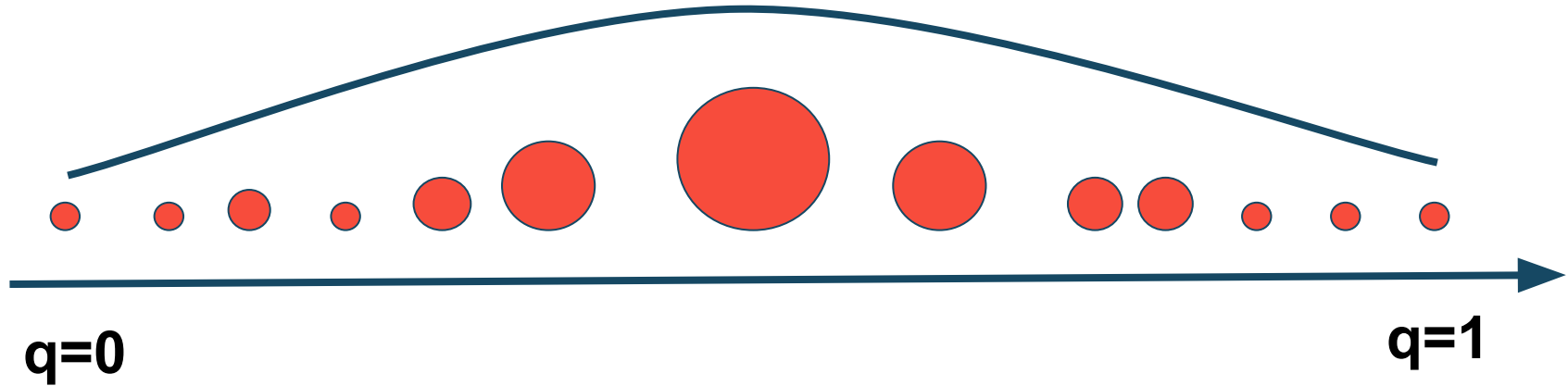


$$B(x) = C \cdot M \cdot \underline{q(x) \cdot (1 - q(x))}$$

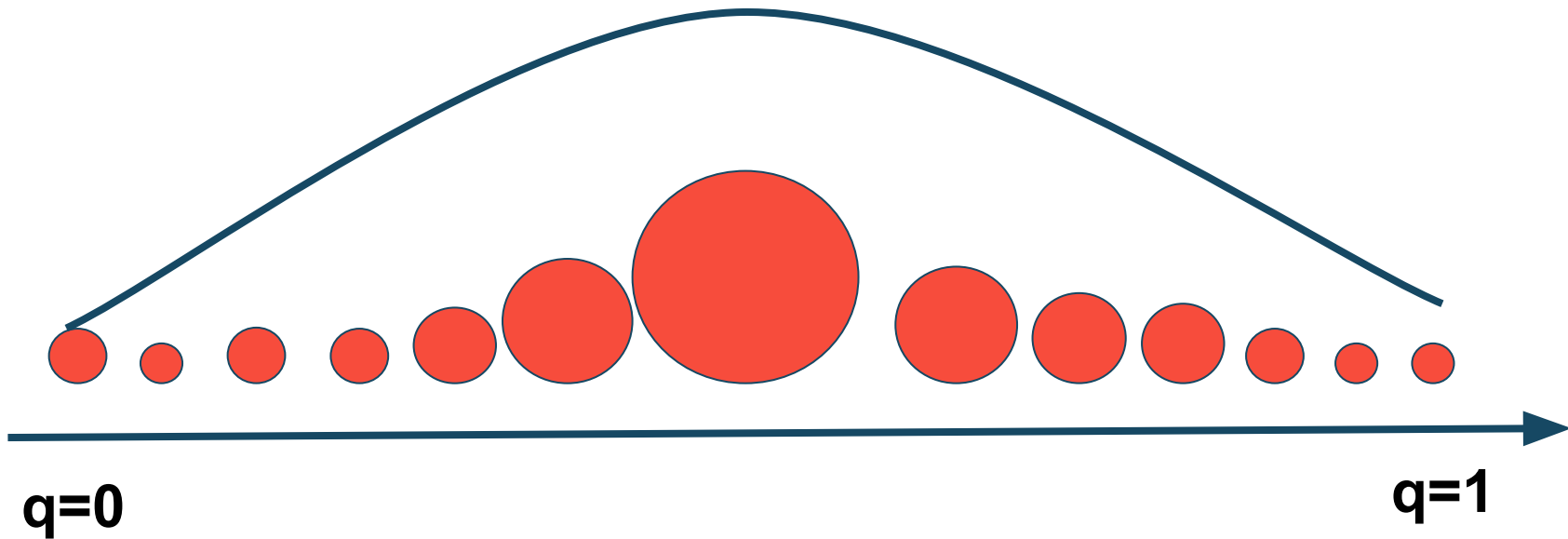




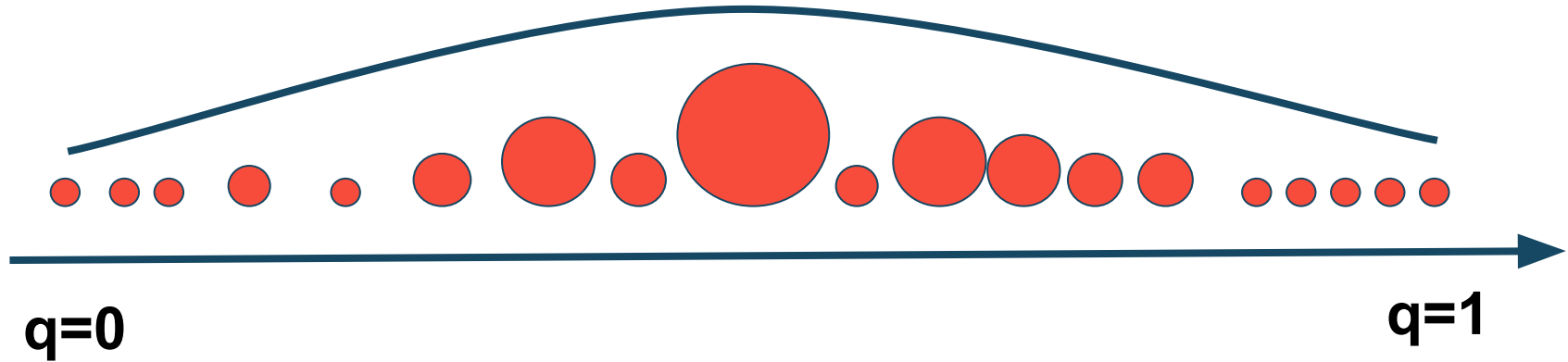
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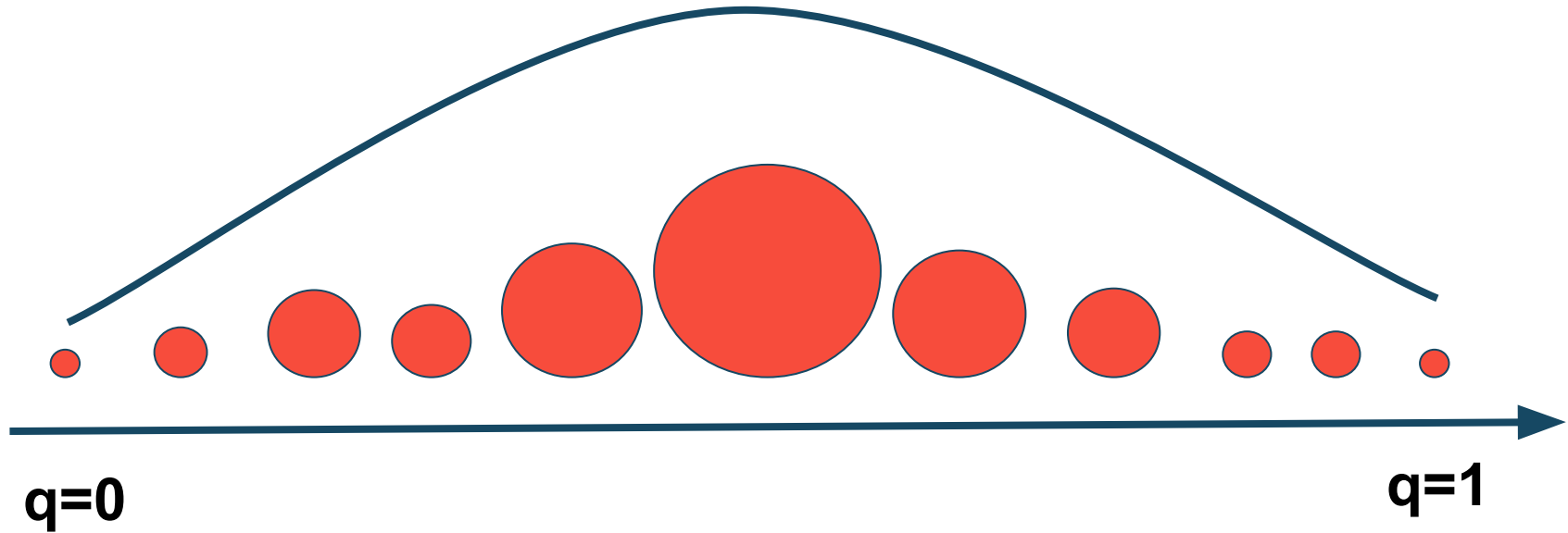
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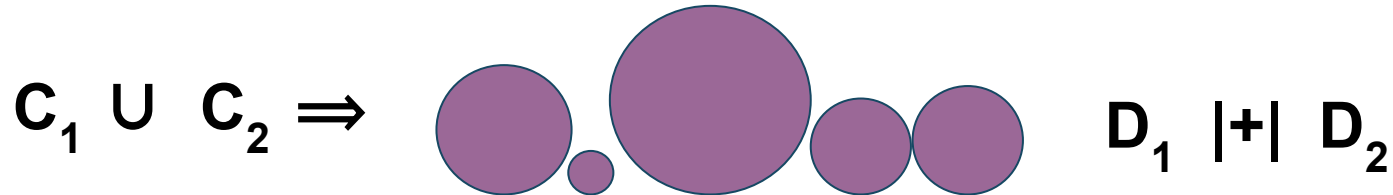
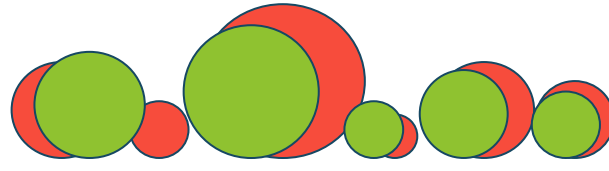
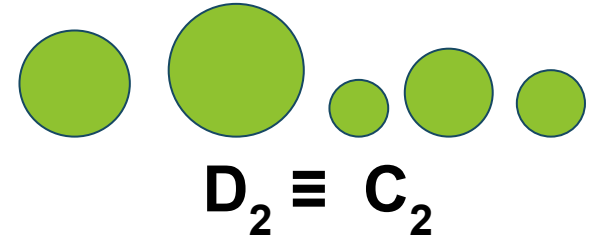
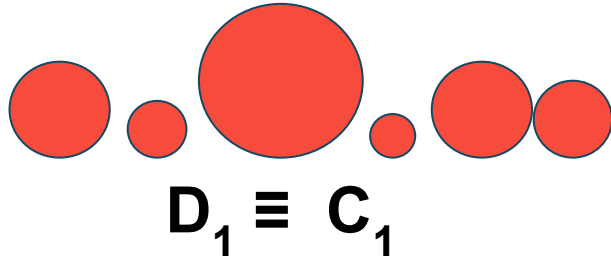
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# T-Digests are Mergeable



# Flashback

**DATA 1**



**DATA 2**



**DATA N**



# Mergeable => Scale-Out

Data Partitions

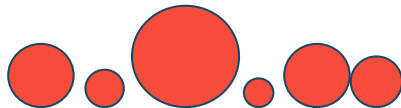
t-digests

P1

P2

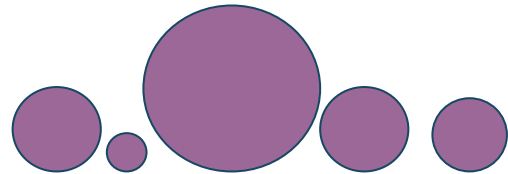
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Map

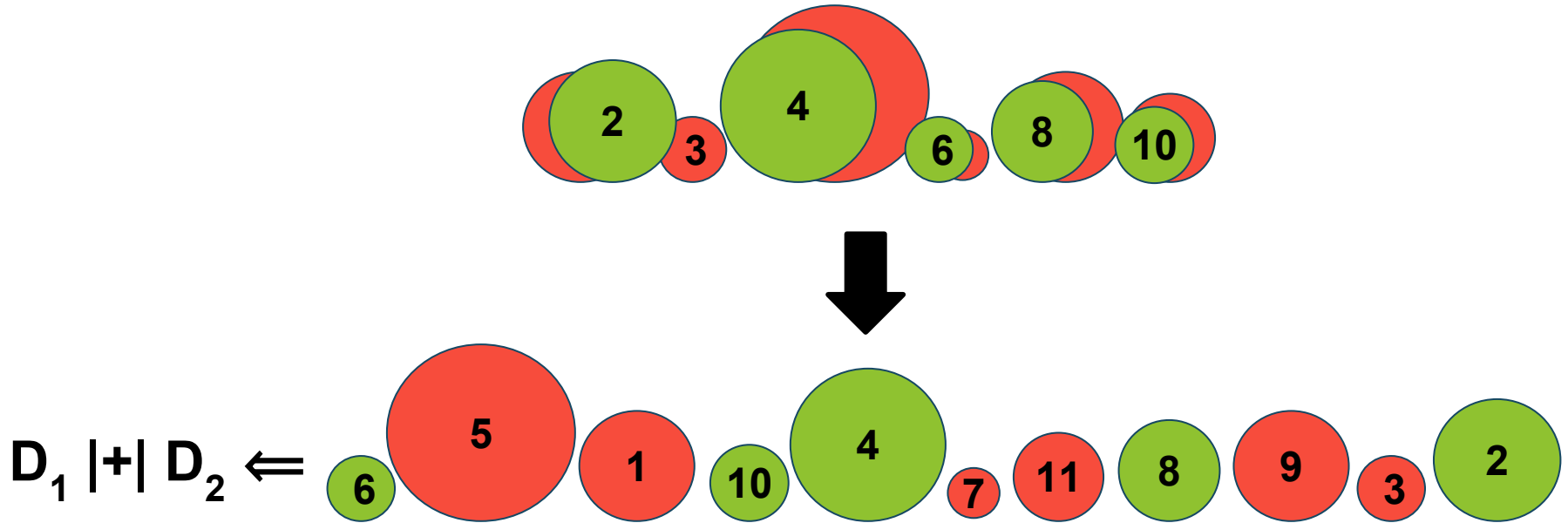


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result

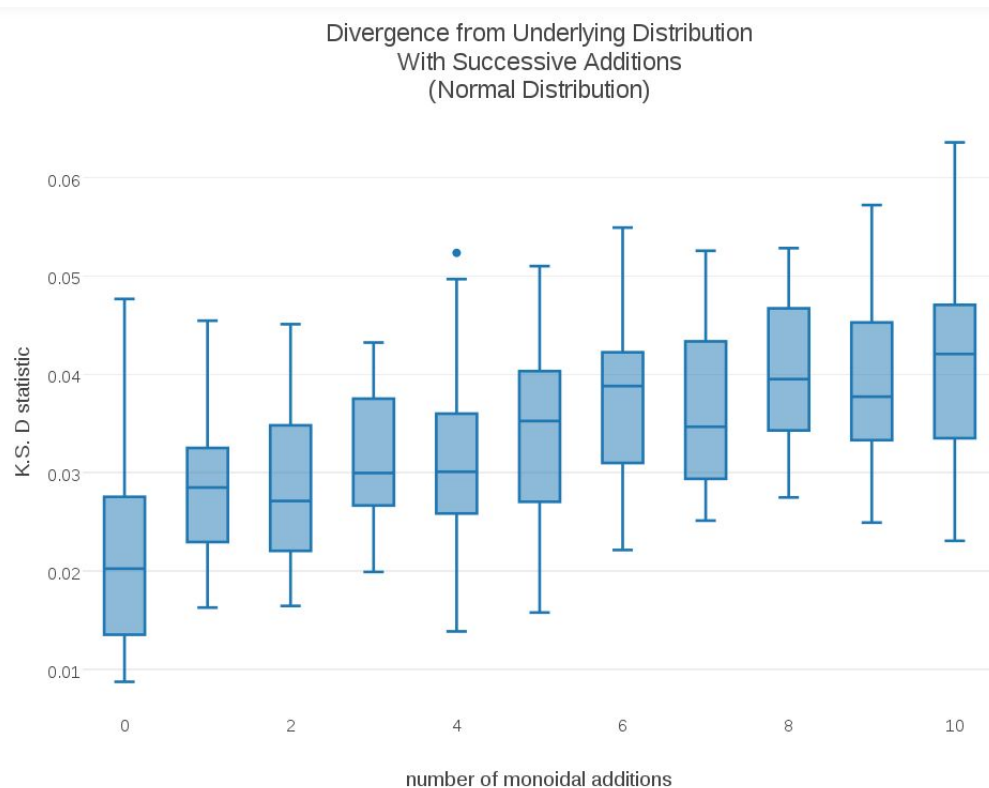


# Merge: Randomized Order

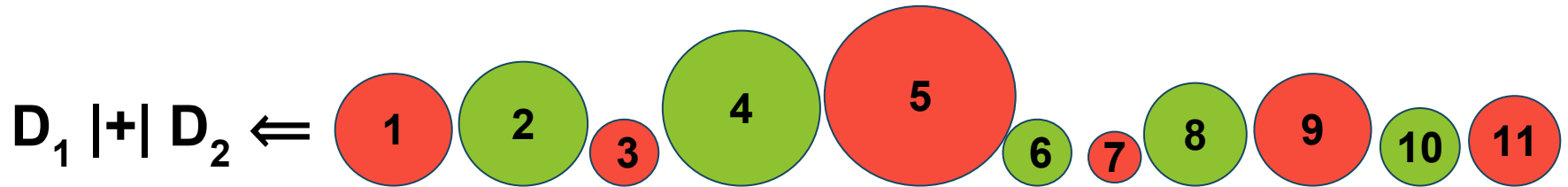
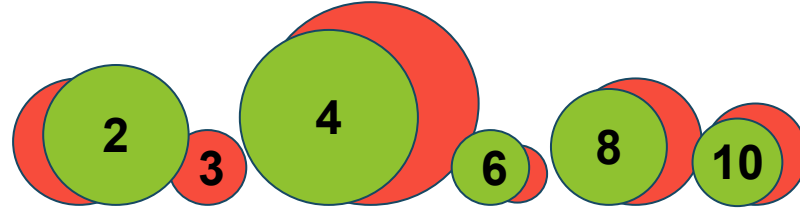




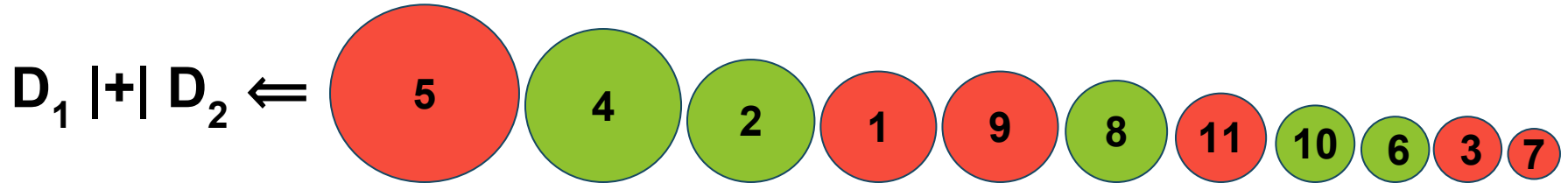
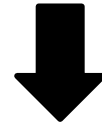
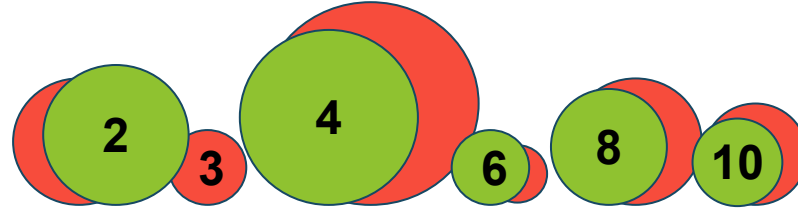
# Random Merging Diverges



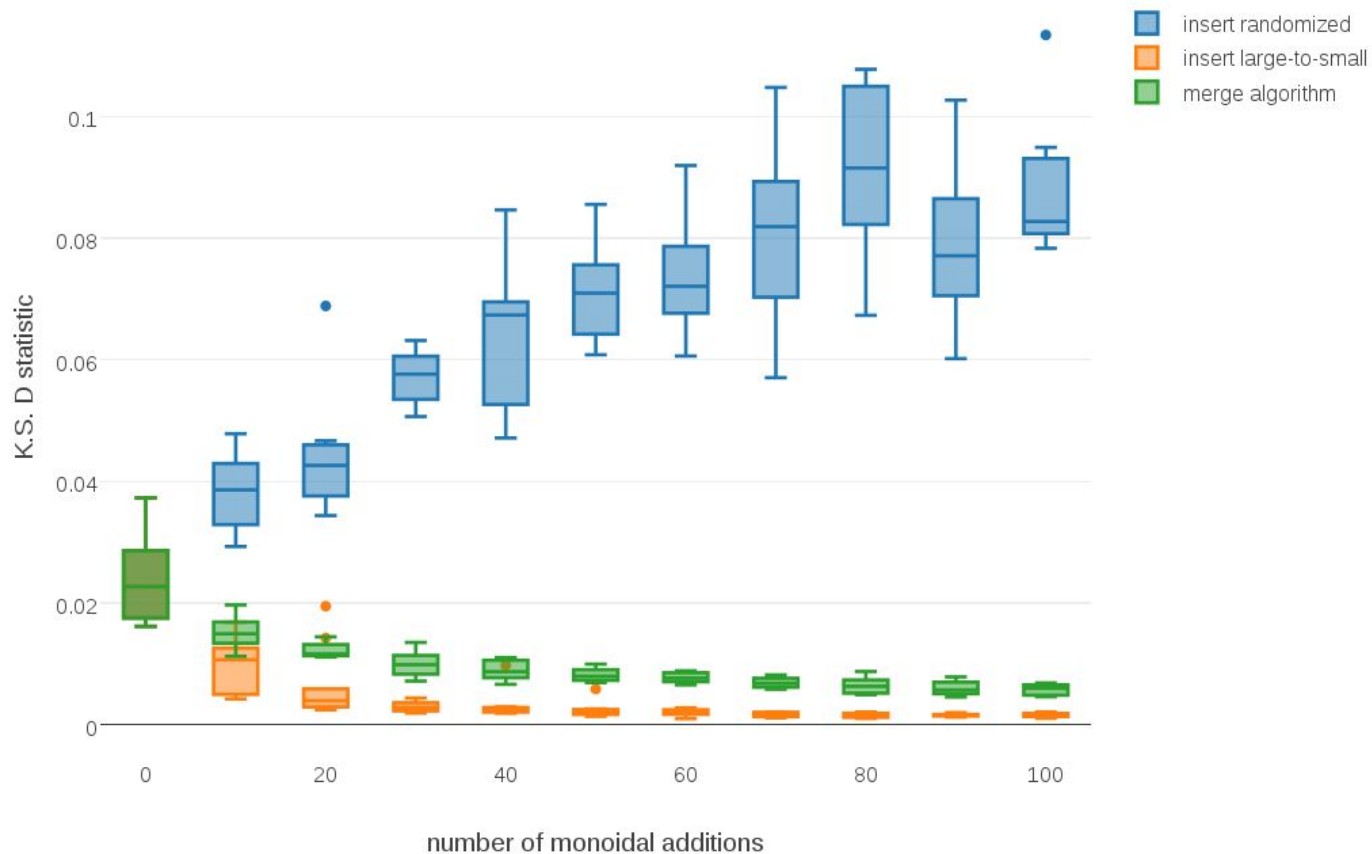
# Merge: Location Order



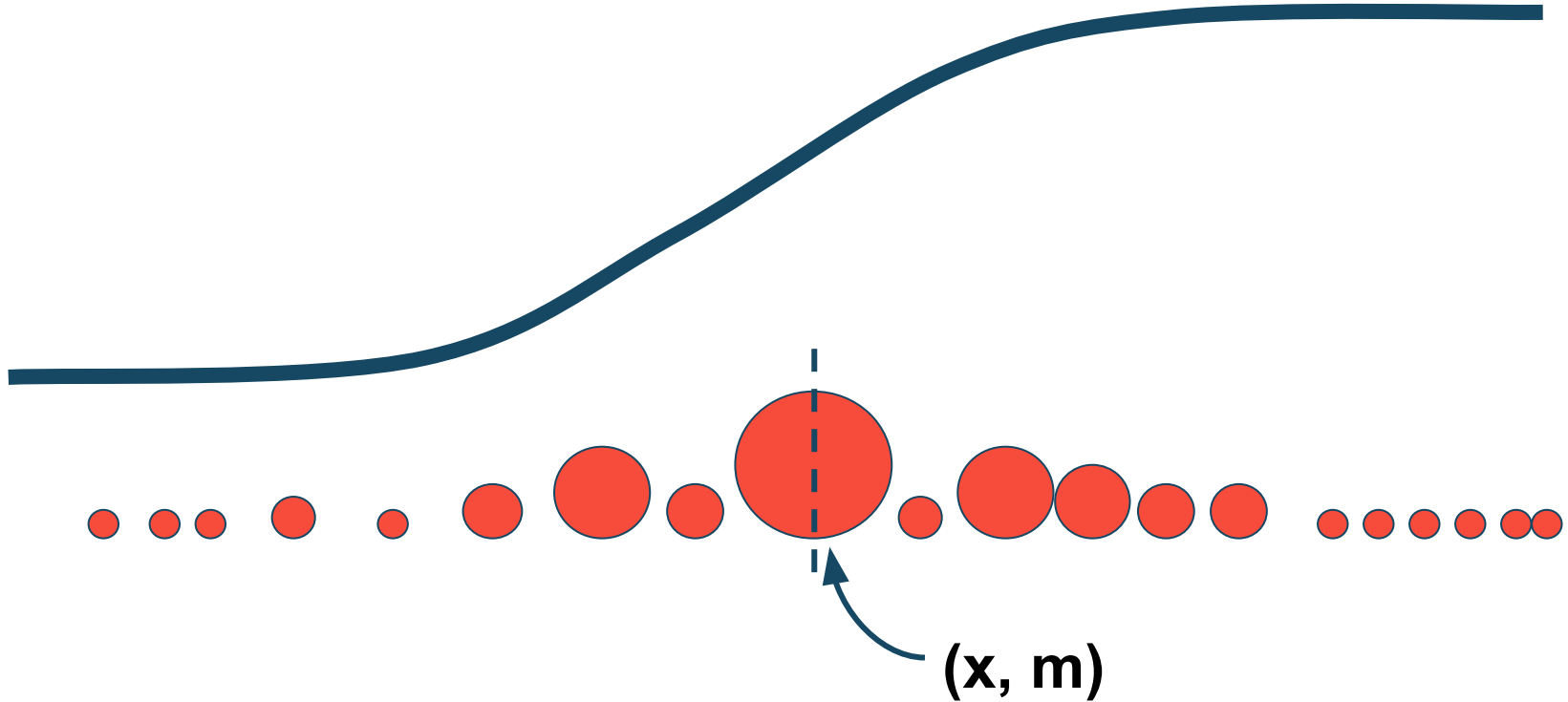
# Merge - Large to Small



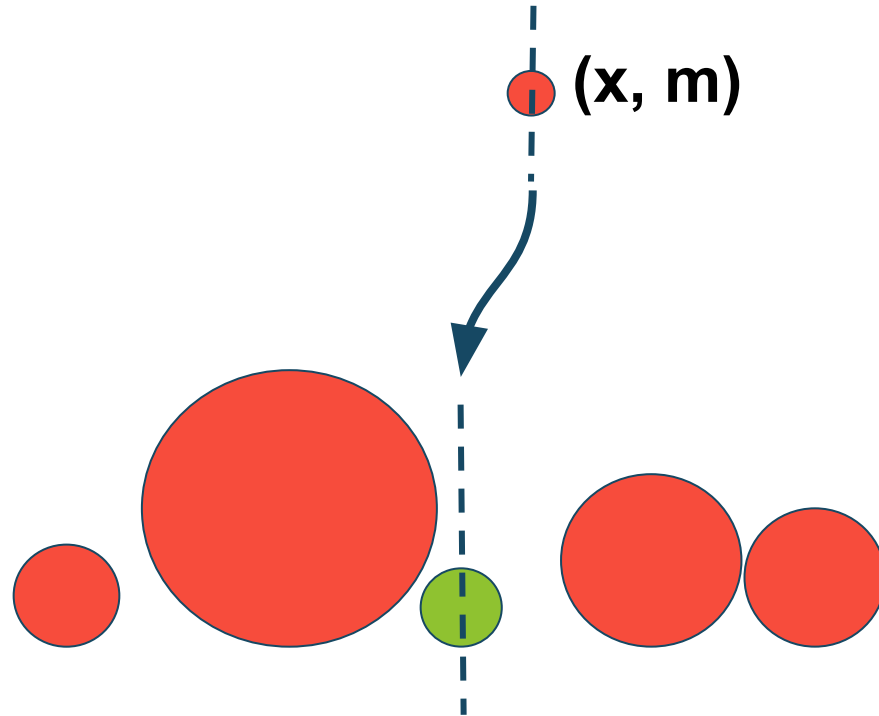
# Comparing Merge Definitions



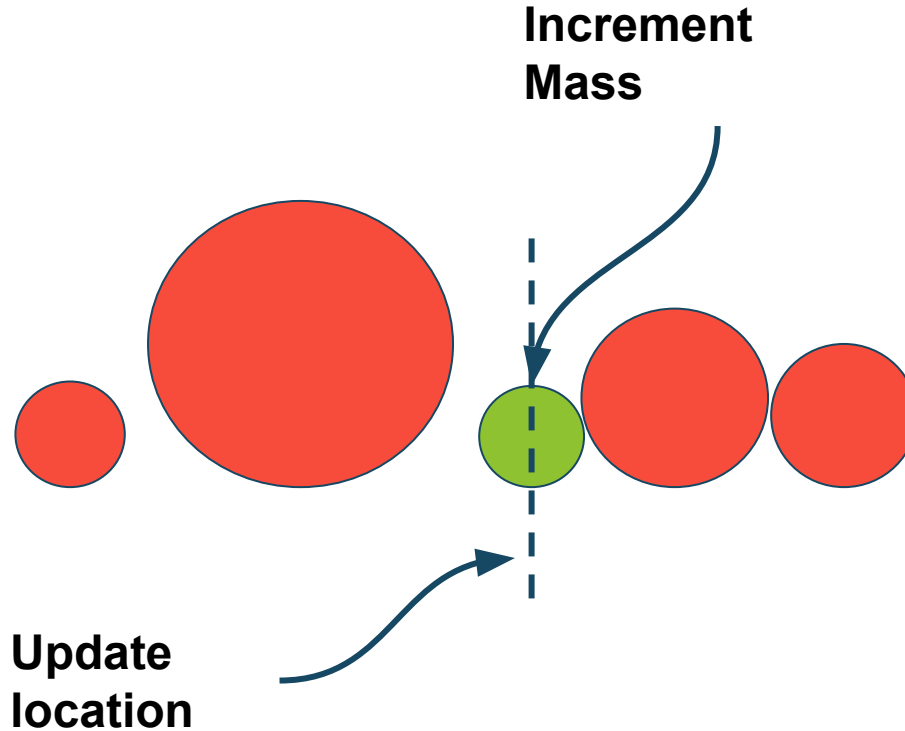
# Clusters Maintained in Order



# Query the Nearest Cluster

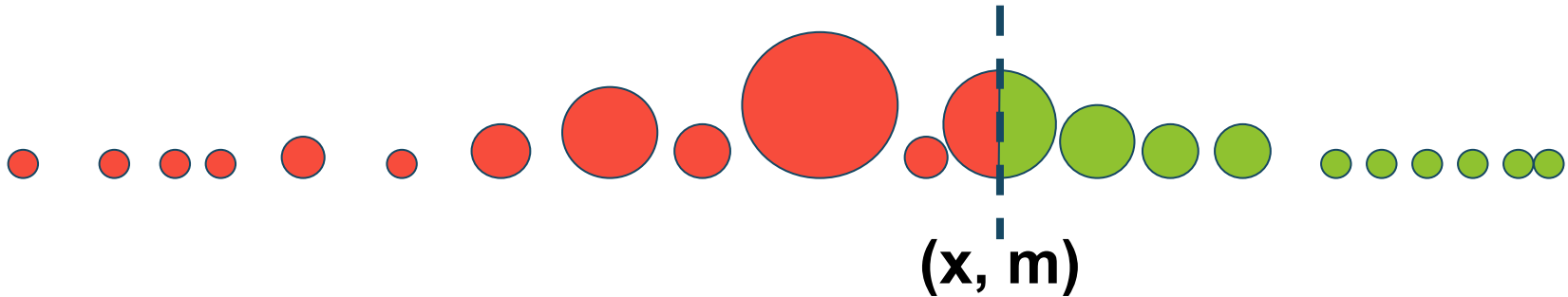


# Insert and Update Clusters



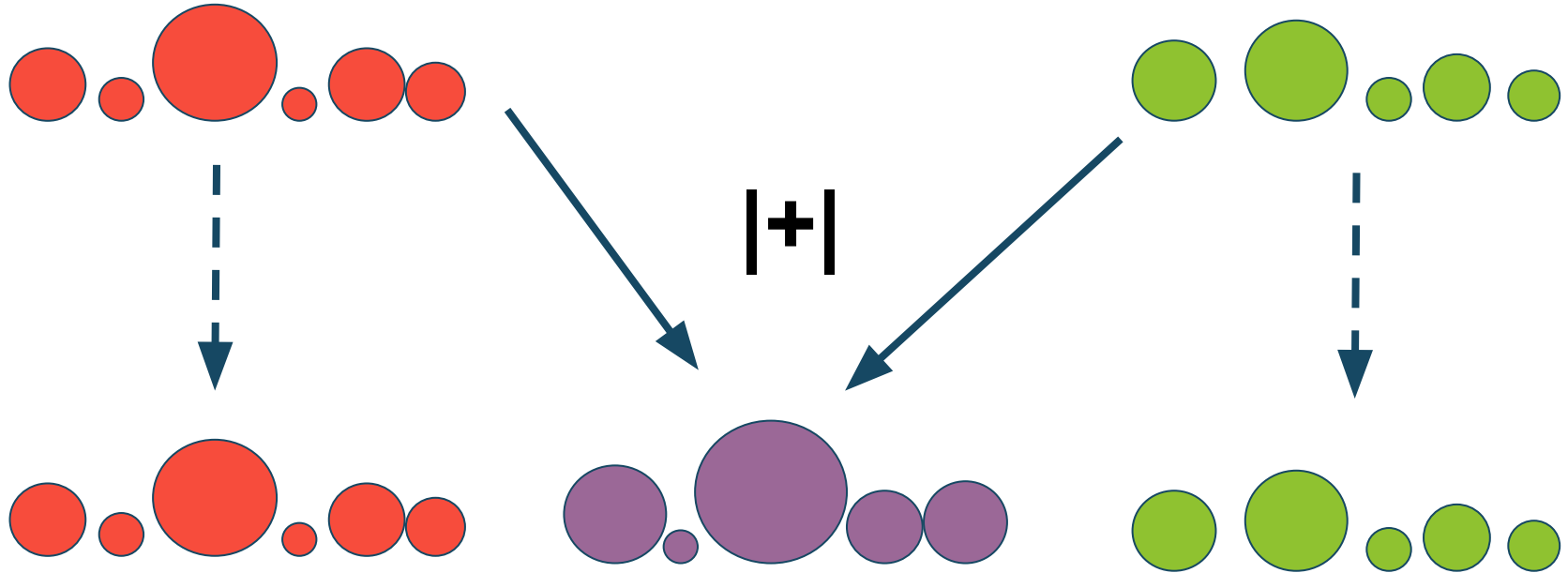
# Compute “Prefix Sums”

$$q(x) = \frac{\sum \text{red circles}}{\sum \text{red circles} + \sum \text{green circles}}$$





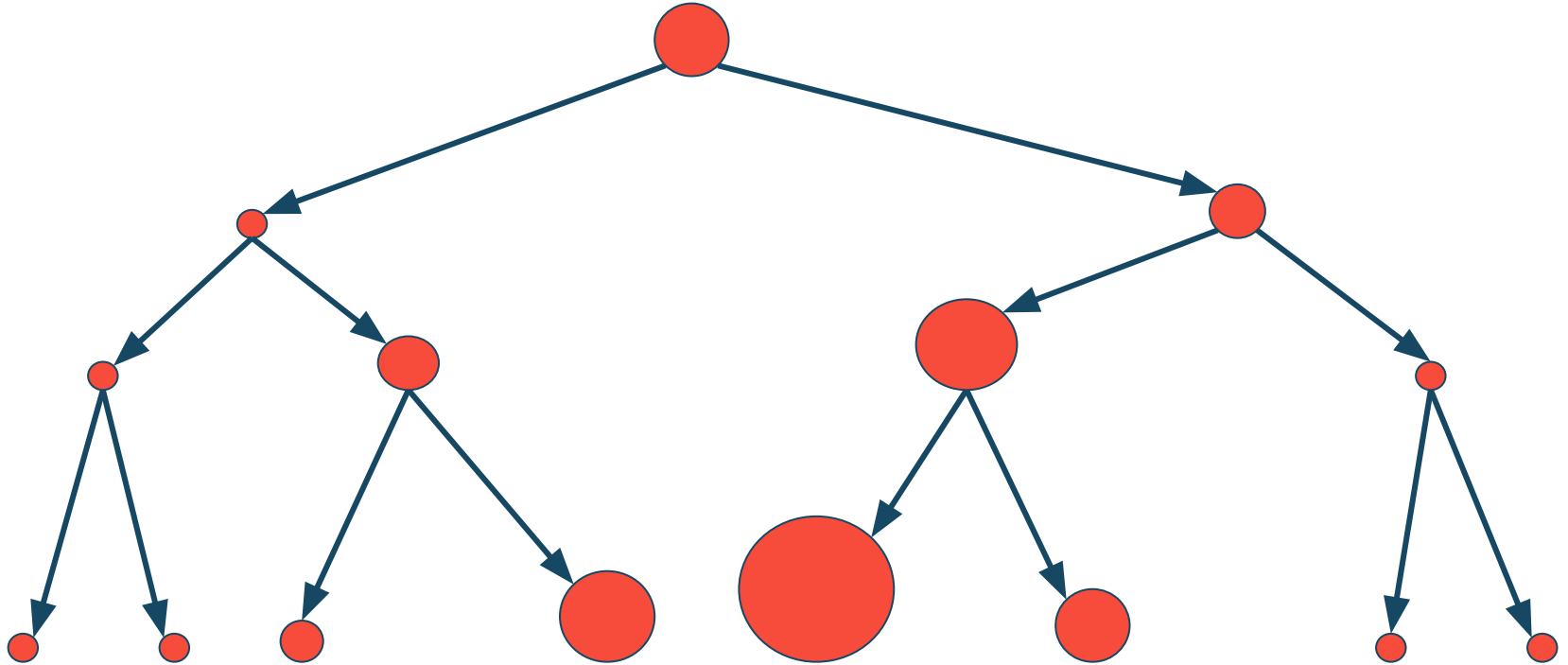
# Immutable Data Structure



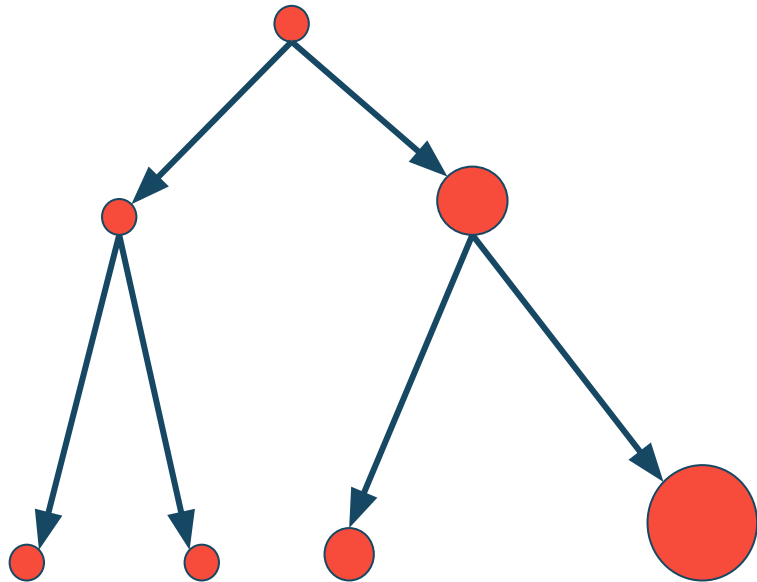
**Fast!**

$O(\log n)$

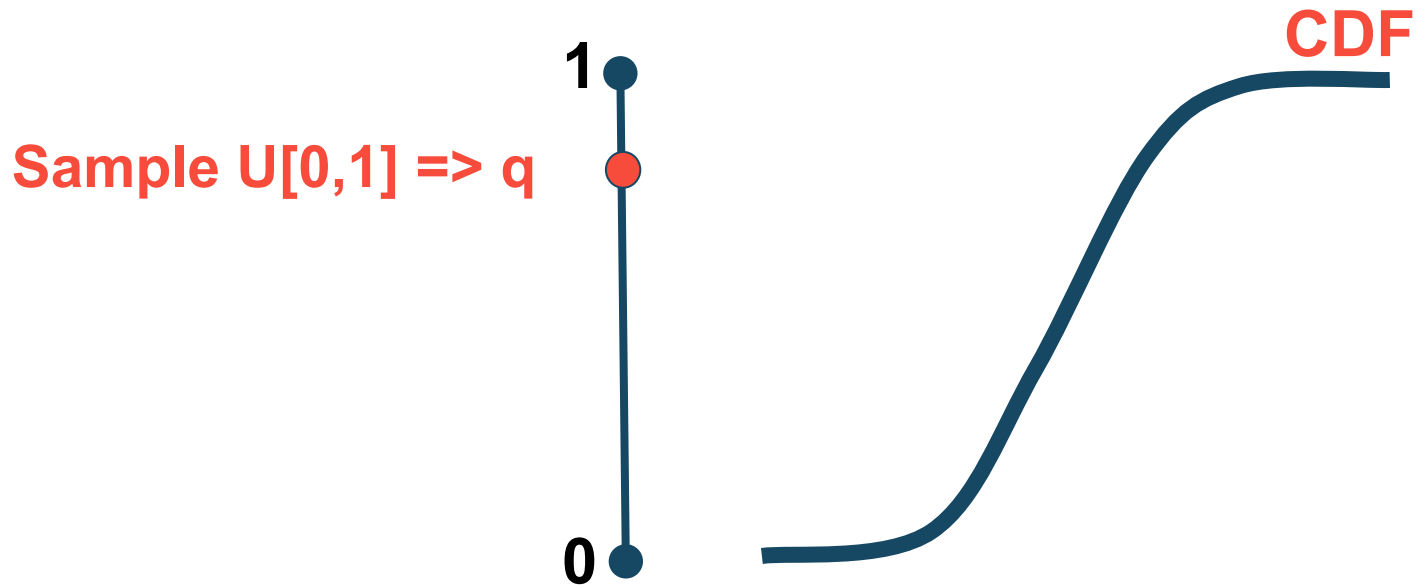
# Balanced Immutable Tree



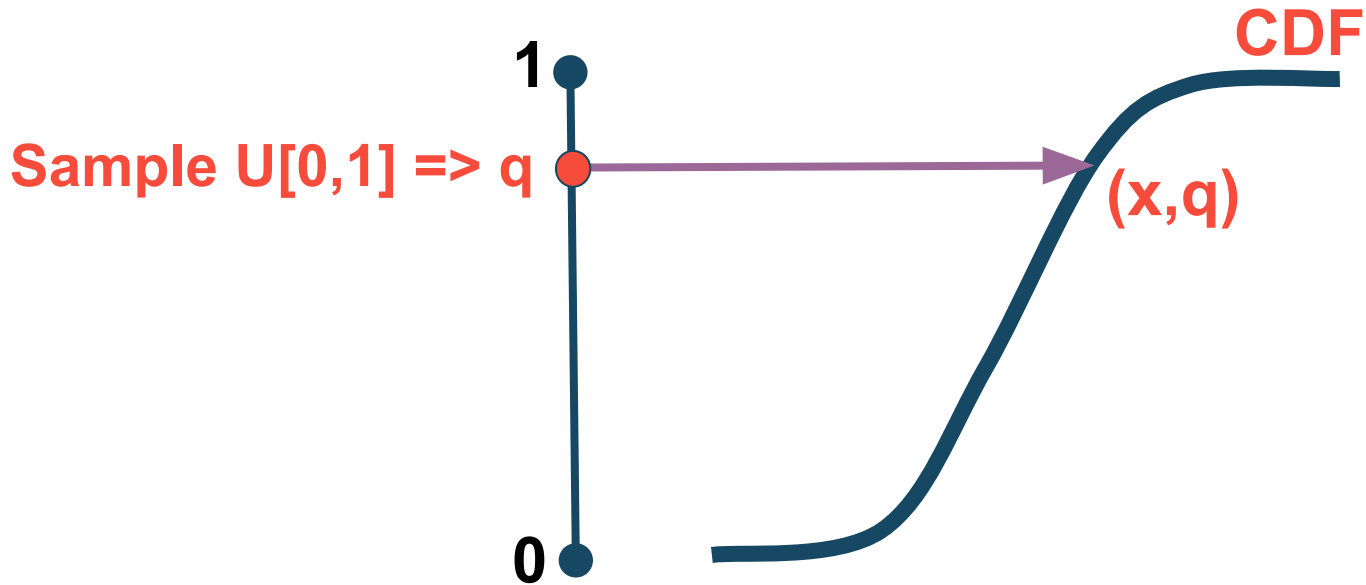
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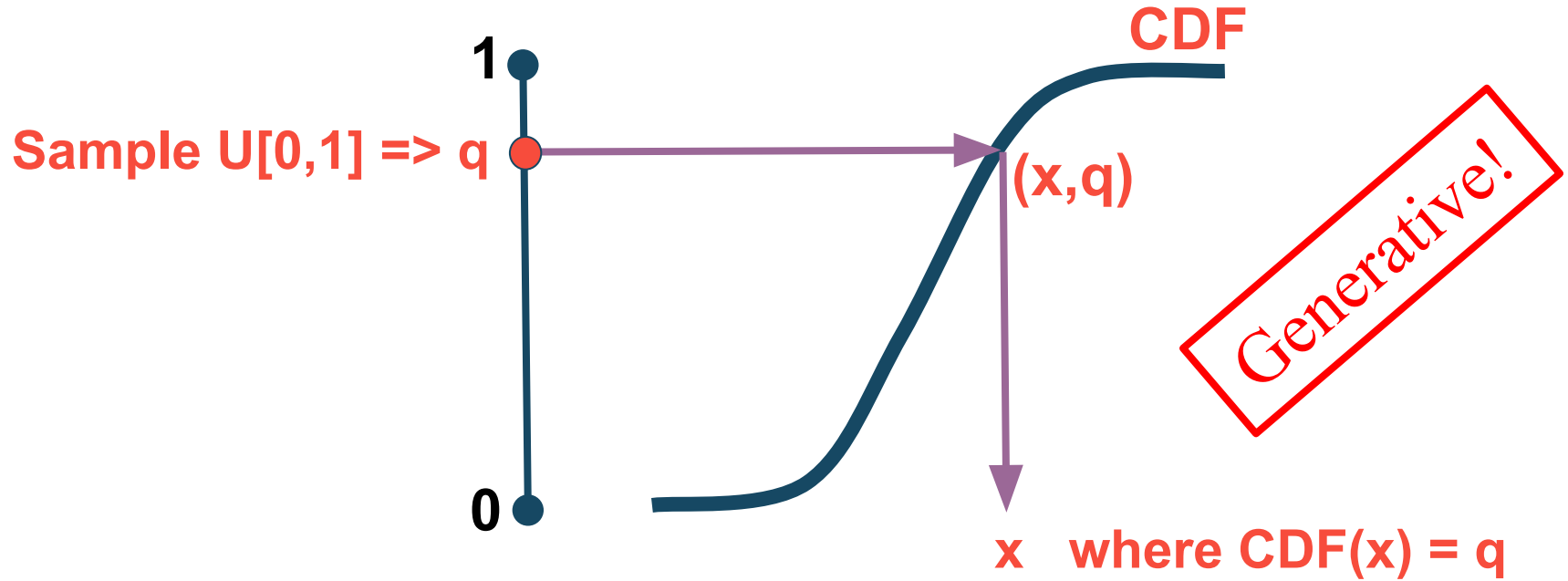
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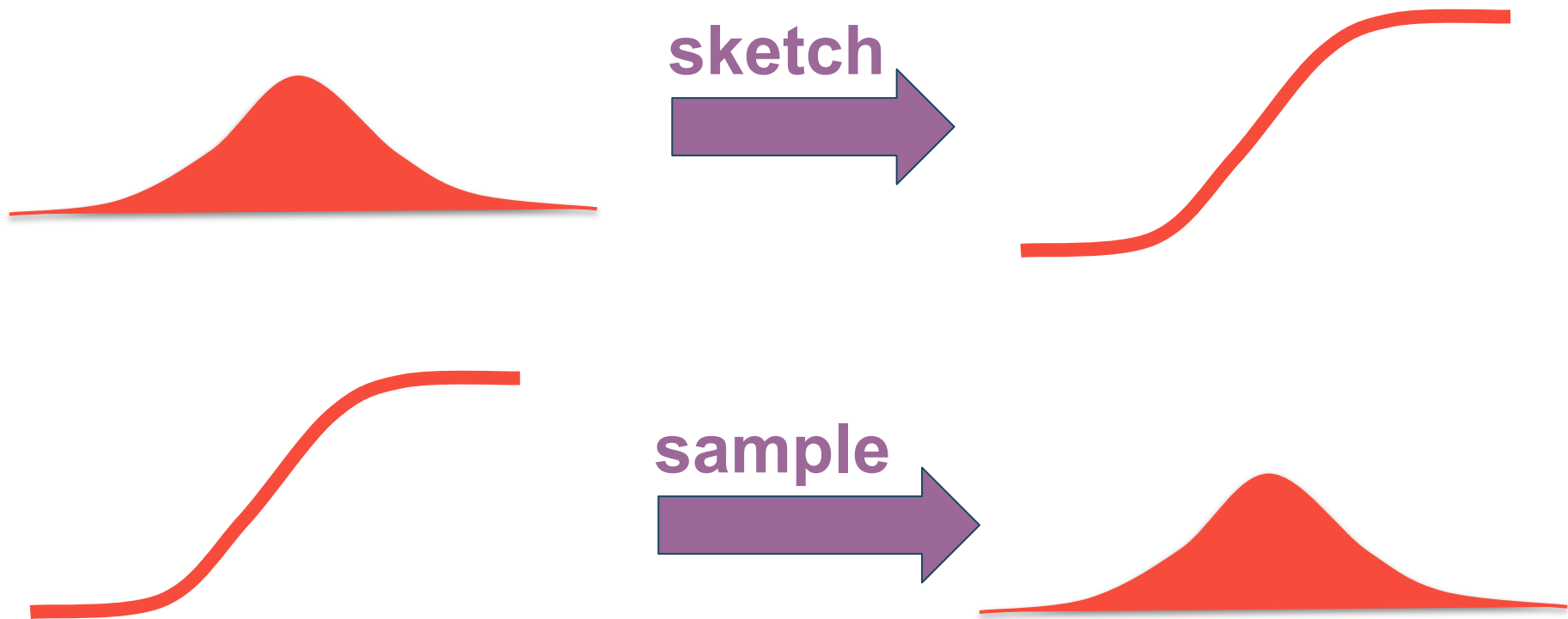
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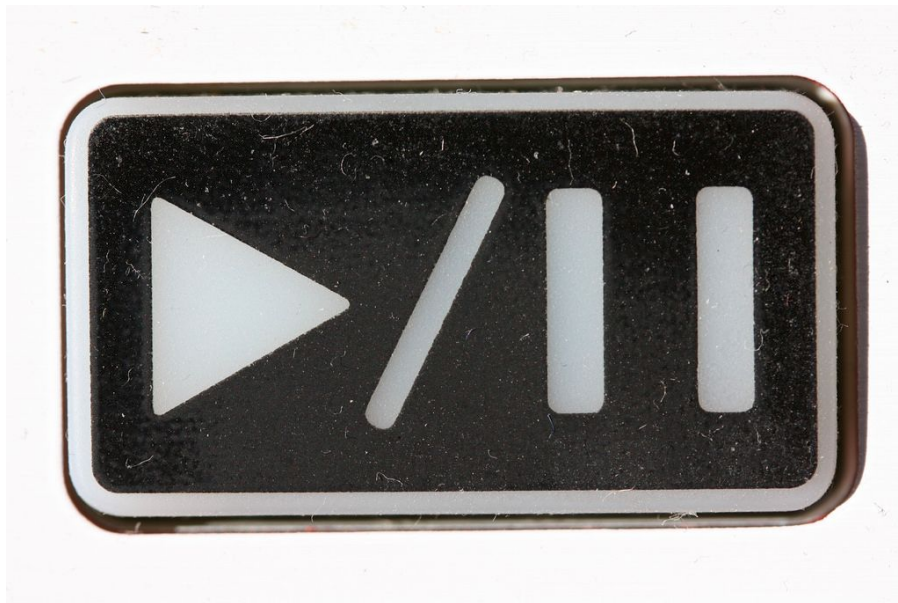


# Generative Sampling





# Demo



# Explore



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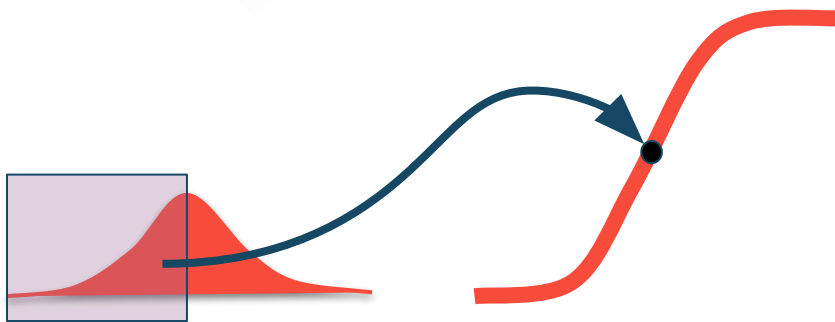
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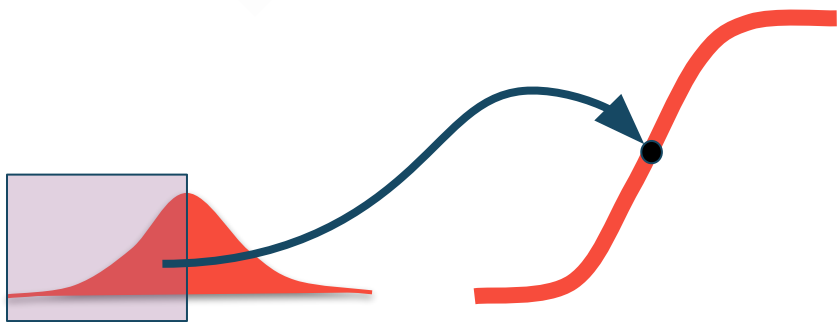
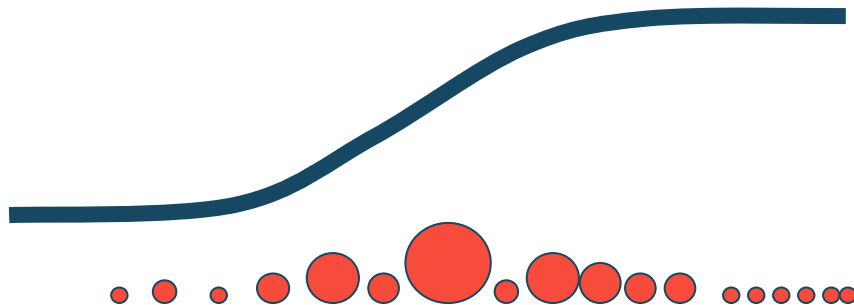
# Review



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